



## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Peking Visit

IT is hard to avoid the conclusion now that the Labour Party "goodwill" visit to Communist China—however sound it may be in principle—has been unfortunately timed. And how ironic is the word "goodwill". The sequence of recent events in the Far East obviously could not have been foreseen. To that extent, Mr. Attlee and his colleagues are not to blame. But in Peking they have been caught in the middle of a vicious propaganda war between Communist China and America, a battle of words which has been growing in intensity every day. The Chinese are anxious to make as much political capital as possible out of the visit. In America, the Republican Party is electioneering, making the most out of its stand against past and possibly future Communist aggression in the Far East. The conflict was unavoidable but what is the Labour group saying? Plans are going ahead for a conference to discuss the formation of SEATO in which Britain is participating. Communist China has its own plan for an Asian non-aggression pact which it has shown to the Labour Party in the hope of getting its support. What is Mr. Attlee saying to this? It can only be hoped that his delegation puts East-West goodwill above any individual convictions and answers in non-committal platitudes. Communist China is seeking admission to the U.N. and an easing of the embargo on trade. America is implacably opposed to both. Mr. Attlee is on safer ground on this question for he will be speaking for a large section of the Free World if he says that Labour supports increased trade and China's admission into the United Nations. Peking is demanding the liberation of Formosa. America is equally determined to repulse the Communists should they try. What is Mr. Attlee saying to the Chinese about this? It is to be hoped his replies are cautious and reserved for this question is fraught with dangers for Britain.

CERTAINLY Britain has been embarrassed by the tactlessness of some Peking officials. The Chinese allegation that British ships have been carrying embargoed goods from Europe to the Chinese mainland was a foolish charge to make to a British goodwill delegation. It does not help Sino-British relations one iota. And the Chinese have shown little subtlety in seeking Labour's support for their plans for Asian defence. The inference is obvious that the Chinese are backing British Labour to win the next elections for they believe there are greater opportunities for co-operation and friendship with a Labour Government. One thing should be made clear to the Chinese: Britain desires friendship with China earnestly and sincerely but hardly at the expense of its traditional alliance with America. The Chinese must also realize that it has taken four years for Sino-British relations to develop to the present stage. There is much to be accomplished before firm and mutually satisfactory relations can be established between the two countries, however, and China cannot expect the British to act precipitately.

# MAO'S PLAN TO REDUCE TENSION

## 14 Dead In Fireworks Explosion

Bombay, Aug. 24. An explosion which destroyed a fireworks factory near here tonight killed 11 people and injured 14. Police are investigating the cause of the disaster, which occurred at Andhere, a suburb 10 miles outside Bombay. Later reports said that in addition to the 11 people whose charred bodies were recovered from the debris, three other people had died from burns, bringing the death toll to 14.—Reuter.

## Sequel To Vargas' Suicide

## RIOTING SWEEPS BRAZIL

Rio De Janeiro, Aug. 24. Demonstrators roamed the streets of Rio today storming opposition party and newspaper offices after President Getulio Vargas had shot himself. President Vargas, 71, who was found shot through the heart in his office, had left a note accusing the opposition of "insults, accusations and calumny." His resignation had been accepted by the Air Force and Navy. The situation in Rio quietened during the late afternoon but there were riots in other places including Porto Alegre, capital of Vargas's home state, where several people were reported killed when police opened fire on rioters who burned down two opposition newspaper buildings. In Rio de Janeiro, demonstrators made an unsuccessful attempt to force their way into the American Embassy. Police fired shots into the air and dispersed the mob. Police, troops and tanks continued to patrol the streets of the city. U.S. CONSUL RANSACKED Demonstrators inflamed by the announcement of President Vargas's suicide ransacked the American Consulate at Belo Horizonte in Minas Gerais State. The rioters tore up and burned books in the library and smashed windows. All members of the Brazilian Cabinet tendered their resignations to the new President, Café Filho, this afternoon, the Brazilian Radio announced.—Reuter.

## USED BLANKET AS PARACHUTE And It Worked!

New York, Aug. 24. An air conditioning engineer leaped from the tri-borough bridge into the East River today, holding a blanket over his head for a parachute. Charles Sieckman, 38, made a safe landing fully clothed, in the river and swam to shore and right into the arms of waiting police. "I wanted to prove that if you jump holding a blanket over your head and landed in the water, feel first you would live," he explained. The police sent him to hospital for observation.—United Press.

## Terrorist Leader Shot In Tunisia

Tunis, Aug. 24. Tunisian terrorist leader Ali Ferchichi was shot dead today by police forces in the Ferryville region. Ali Ferchichi who headed Tunisian terrorists (Fellaghas) in Northern Tunisia, was the first important leader killed by security forces. Police said his band was believed responsible for the deaths of six Frenchmen and two Tunisians in the machine-gunning of a Ferryville cafe last July, an attack on Radio Tunis in 1952, many recent assassinations, pillaging and ransacking of Tunisian possessions and British to act precipitately.

## Dinner Speech To British Labour Group

Peking, Aug. 25. Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Chinese People's Government proposed a four-point plan to ease East-West tension at a dinner party speech to the visiting British Labour Party delegation last night. He proposed:  
(1) That the United States should withdraw its Seventh Fleet from the Straits of Formosa.  
(2) The U.S. should stop rearming Japan.  
(3) The U.S. should stop rearming Germany.  
(4) The Labour delegates should persuade Britain to take a "more reasonable" line in foreign policy to promote world peace. Mao, appealing for a more reasonable attitude in the field of foreign affairs, said China could co-exist with other states provided the other States were reasonable.

## Appeals For More Trade

He was also reported to have said China and the U.S. could quite well exist together in a friendly manner. Rene MacColl, London Daily Express correspondent said: What Mao was asking for in fact was that Mr. Attlee should come out with a "head-on" attack on American world policy as the price for China's friendship. Mao also stressed the need for a great expansion of trade with Britain. China, he said, had never been an expansionist power but desired only to safeguard its borders from the threat of aggression. Once the question of Formosa was "regulated" China wants only a long period of peace for development and improvement at home. He stressed the Chinese desire for a final peace in Korea.

## Sam Watson's Criticism

Later at a reception given by Mr. Humphrey Trevelyan, British Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Sam Watson criticized matters by criticising things he had seen in China. Why, he demanded, do so many of the heads of mines, mills and factories seem to be Communist administrators or workers risen from the ranks? To which the Chinese replied that the American President is not always a professional politician and the American Secretary of the Army not always a soldier. Fraser Wighton, Reuter's Special Correspondent, said Mr. Chou En-lai, the Chinese Prime Minister, set foot inside the British Mission for the first time tonight to honour Mr. Attlee and the British Labour mission. Fifty guests at the dinner given by Mr. Humphrey Trevelyan, included members of the hierarchy of both the Chinese Government and the Chinese Communist Party. The dinner given in honour of the Labour Party delegation was the first occasion on which top-level leaders of the Chinese Government had entered the British compound, once the palace of a Manchu Prince. Others attending the dinner included Kuo Mo-jo, one of the four Vice Premiers of the Chinese People's Government; Mayor Peng Chen of Peking; Shen Yen-ping, Minister of Culture; and Hsi Chung-hsun, Secretary General of the Government Administration Council.

PURELY SOCIAL The function was of a purely social character with neither toasts nor speeches. It brought to the British diplomatic centre in Peking Chinese visitors who had not been guests

## Daring Flight Through Tower Bridge



A young American, 25-year-old Gene Thompson, from Texas, flew a small biplane under Tower Bridge and London Bridge over the river Thames to win his girl-friend's consent to marry him. Gene's plane is pictured here with Tower Bridge in the background.—Express Photo.

## GHASTLY MURDER ALLEGED IN LONDON COURT

London, Aug. 24. A mother-in-law strangled her son's wife and then placed the body on a funeral pyre in the backyard of her London suburban home, the prosecutor alleged here today.

A neighbour saw the paraffin-soaked body blazing in the yard and mistook it for an old wax model on a bonfire. An illiterate Greek-speaking Cypriot, Mrs. Christofis Styliou, 23, was in the dock at Hampstead Magistrate's Court charged with murdering her German-born daughter-in-law, Mrs. Helia Christofis. An engineer, young John Byrnes, said that just before midnight on July 28, he noticed the back of the Christofis house was glowing red. He called his wife into their garden and they peered into the backyard.

WAX MODEL "I saw a fire and what I took to be a wax model lying on it," he said. Mrs. Christofis was making her appearance before the magistrates. The court will decide whether she is to go on trial. The prosecutor, Mr. J. F. Claxton, said the body had been "terribly charred round the head and most portions had come in contact with heat. "Scattered round it was charred paper and wood as a deliberate attempt had been made to light a proper fire. The whole of it had obviously been well soaked in paraffin."

## Wealthy Socialite 'Horried' At Salvador Dali's Painting Refuses To Hang Portrait In Her Home

New York, Aug. 24. The surrealist artist Salvador Dali filed a \$7,000 suit today for payment for a portrait which had so horrified the subject that she refused to hang it in her home. Dali sued Mrs. Woodward, glamorous socialite, and her wealthy husband, William Woodward Jr. He said it took him a year to paint Mrs. Woodward's portrait and that \$7,000 was "reasonable value" for his services. Mrs. Woodward's attorney, Theodore Miller, said the couple admitted they hired Dali to paint her portrait. But he added, they had stipulated that the painting must be "good."

## French Cabinet Hold Stormy Meeting On EDC 'Free Vote' Decided

Paris, Aug. 25. French members of Parliament will be free to vote as their conscience dictates when the crucial debate on the European Army Treaty starts here on Saturday. M. Pierre Mendes-France, the Prime Minister, will remain "neutral" throughout the debate—on a motion rejecting ratification of E.D.C.

This was decided at a stormy four-hour Cabinet meeting last night, which nearly succeeded in breaking up the Cabinet. Several members argued that the Government should resign leaving the Prime Minister to conduct the debate on his own. M. Mendes-France succeeded in talking his Ministers round—but the issue is expected to be raised even more firmly at the next Cabinet meeting on Friday, eve of the debate. Ministers were given a full report on M. Mendes-France's meeting with Sir Winston Churchill and the refusal of France's five partners at the Brussels conference to agree to amendments to make the European army treaty more palatable to the National Assembly. The debate will therefore take place on the basis of this report. Defining the attitude the Government would take in the debate, the Premier said: "The Government will report loyally and fully on the negotiations in Brussels, on what has happened since (a reference to his visit to Sir Winston Churchill) and on what may happen between now and when the debate starts. The Assembly will thus have a full and complete picture of the situation in front of it before it decides on it a course of action."

EDC ADVOCATES All the Ministers who pressed for the Cabinet's resignation were E.D.C. advocates. They felt a collective resignation might win over some deputies to vote for the European Army Plan. If the Cabinet members do throw in their hands at the Friday meeting to discuss Government tactics, the debate will not be held up. Opponents of EDC claimed to be confident tonight it would be rejected when the debate had ended. They said their latest check on the attitude of the 228 Deputies on the subject showed: Firmly against—288 (including 99 Communists). Firmly for—190. Uncertain—124. Cabinet ministers and Speaker

—24. Assuming the ministers and Speaker would not vote, and that only 40 of the 124 Deputies reckoned "uncertain" voted against ratification, this would mean that 328, or more than an absolute majority of the Assembly, would reject the treaty. —Reuter. NO MORE DELAY M. Mendes-France told reporters at the end of the Cabinet meeting: "We must not allow settlement of the EDC question to be delayed any longer. The Government maintains August 28 as the date for starting its debate and it will

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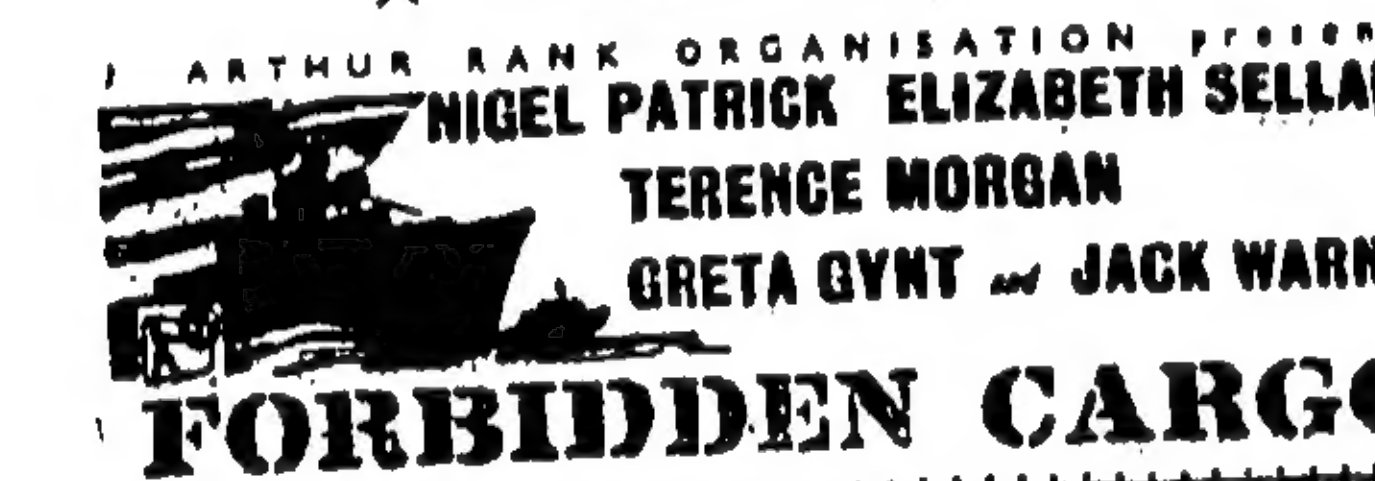
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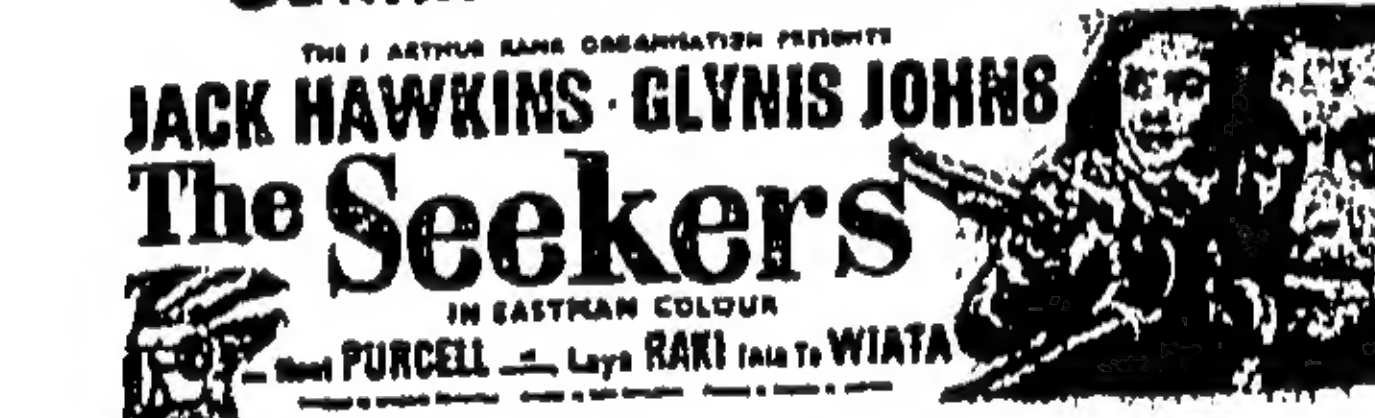
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The Paris autumn and winter fashion shows, which started at the end of July, have been attracting the usual number of world-famous personalities. In this picture, in front row of spectators, sitting at right in white, is Ingrid Bergman. She is watching a Jacques Fath model. — (Central Press Photo).

## British Paying More For Meat

London, Aug. 22.

British housewives today are paying up to twice as much for meat as they did before Britain ended meat rationing. But butchers said that prices still are fluctuating and, in some instances, tending downward.

Prices now have levelled off from what a meat wholesaler in London's Smithfield Market called the "first crazy days" following the lifting of rationing on July 4. Veal prices, for instance, quadrupled in price immediately after rationing ended.

G. Harrison, of the Meat Traders' Journal, said, "British meat prices still are in a state of flux."

"They will not reach a stable level until the meat importers of this country are able to bring meat into Britain at a fairly steady rate of supply. This probably will take another six months to achieve."

The average British butcher is charging 6s 6d per pound for fillet steak, compared to 3s 6d before rationing ended.

Veal, at 2s a lb during rationing now has levelled off at 4s a pound.

But Harrison pointed out that under rationing, meat was subsidised by the Government. He said housewives are paying about the same for meat today as was paid before rationing ended — but they are paying the full price over the counter whereas before they paid a part in taxes.

During rationing, Harrison said, the better cuts of meat cost so little more than the poorer cuts that housewives got in the habit of buying the better cuts.

ART OF BUYING  
"The British housewife has forgotten the art of buying and preparing the cheaper cuts of meat," he said.

A spokesman for the British Ministry of Food, which is closing down now that rationing has ended, said it would be misleading to generalise on meat prices because meat varies greatly in price and quality from area to area.

"Prices no longer are controlled, so we are no longer officially responsible for keeping track of them," he said. — United Press.

## Trial Of Strength Inevitable Says Mark Clark

New York, Aug. 24.

General Mark Clark, former United Nations commander in Korea, said today a trial of strength with Communism was inevitable.

He said in an interview with the magazine Newsweek, "The moment will soon come when the Allies who are willing to support us will have to answer."

Clark contended the United Nations could not stand if it is threatened in any way by the Soviet Union. — United Press.

## S.E.A. Nations To Form A Church Assn.

Evansville, Ill., Aug. 24.

Australian and New Zealand church leaders attending the second assembly of the World Council of Churches here, were guests yesterday at a private lunch given by delegates from the Asian nations. It was learned today.

Bishop E. C. Sobrepna, of the Philippines, who presided at the function, explained that the Australian and New Zealand Christians to include them in an association they hoped to establish of nations forming the new area of power in Asia and the South-east Pacific area.

Among the other guests were representatives from Japan, Korea, Formosa, the Philippines, Thailand, India and Indonesia.

## SPRIT OF ASSEMBLY

Speakers at the lunch expressed the hope that the delegation from countries represented at the function might visit each other's churches and people "to convey the spirit and message of the assembly."

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Alan Watson of Australia, moderator of Presbyterian Church of Victoria, said he felt the time had come for the discovery of a new world "that would embrace both Asia and Australia."

"We who come from the far south, have European culture and ethics," said Dr. Watson. "But at the same time, we are steadily becoming aware that we are an Asian people."

"In the spirit of this great assembly, we can become a brotherhood which will be proof against the forces that would destroy the peace of the East and of the world," China Mail Special.

## Two Portuguese Proposals Rejected By India

New Delhi, Aug. 24.

India today rejected two Portuguese proposals on the controversy over Portuguese enclaves in India.

In a note handed to the Portuguese Minister, the Government said it was unable to entertain the proposals made in a Portuguese note on August 22. These proposals were:

1. That discussion at a suggested Indo-Portuguese conference be confined solely to discussion of organization of an inter-national commission to observe the situation in the enclaves.

2. If this is unacceptable, that India state in writing the precise matters which it considers the observers should examine.

In rejecting both proposals, the Government said that they "already have informed the Portuguese Government that prior determination of views and methods by means of notes is neither practical nor the usual step in regard to such negotiations."

## PLAIN MEANING

The Indian note added: "In view of the plain meaning of replies by the Government of India in this regard, they don't feel the Portuguese Government have any cause for reasonable apprehension or that the purpose of the conference is obscure or that the methods suggested are anything other than normal."

"They (the Indian Government) have no objection in principle to further conferences considering any matter of mutual concern or relevant to the relations of the two Governments."

## IMPARTIAL OBSERVERS

Nor has the Government any objection to matters that may arise from consideration of the issue through impartial observers and representatives of the other governments," the note went on.

However, it said it would be for the representatives to decide by agreement as to the relevancy of such matters. The Indian Government did not "insist on any exclusions or limitations of any specific proposition or relevant agreed principle," it explained.

The Indian note concludes with the hope that the Portuguese Government will enable the representatives of the two Governments to meet without delay in view of the reaffirmation of their position by the Government of India and the reaffirmation of their desire to pursue negotiations to implement the principle of impartial observation. — United Press.

## Ike Signs Anti-Red Legislation

Denver, Aug. 24.

President Eisenhower today signed the bill outlawing the Communist Party in the United States and designed to put pressure on Communist infiltrated labor unions.

Mr. Eisenhower signed the bill in his holiday headquarters in the Lowry Air Force base administration building.

After signing the bill, the President issued a prepared formal statement announcing that he intended to approve three other anti-Communist measures passed by Congress.

1. A bill providing for stripping citizenship from those who advocate the overthrow of the Government by force and violence.

2. A measure providing the death penalty for persons found guilty of peacetime espionage.

3. A bill prohibiting payment of pensions and annuities by the United States to former officials and employees who have been convicted of certain criminal offenses. The measure is aimed particularly against former State Department official Alger Hiss, who was convicted of perjury in denying that he had passed secret data to Communist agents. — Reuter.

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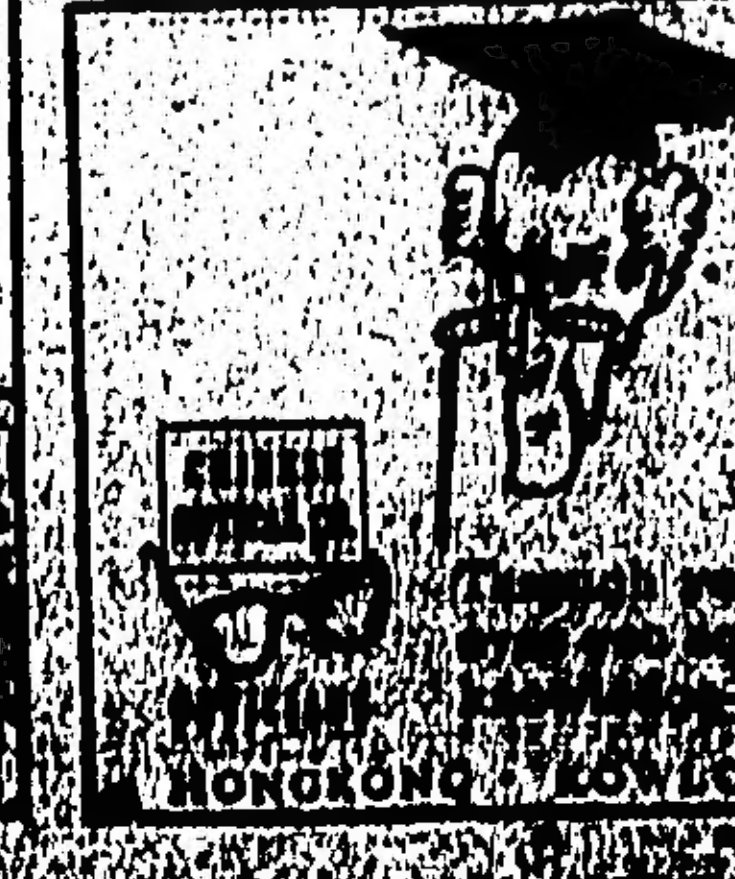
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Mr. Allen said the plan would permit the free European nations to "join the United Nations purposefully," thus form a large reactor in Europe to produce atomic power.

He said that it is a plan to "bring about a new world order" unless approved and carried out under United Nations supervision.

Mr. Allen said the plan "necessarily interferes with the rights of the Soviet Union, which could be understood as the only one of them."

"Also, while the plan is not a threat to the Soviet Union, it is militarily founded and it is a threat to the peace of the European countries and to the peace of the world," he said.



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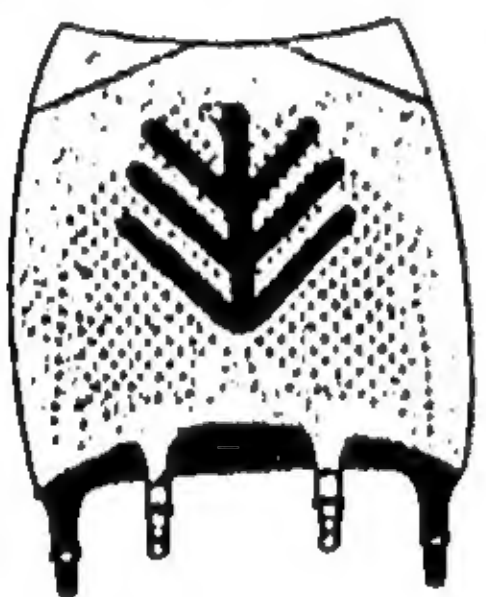
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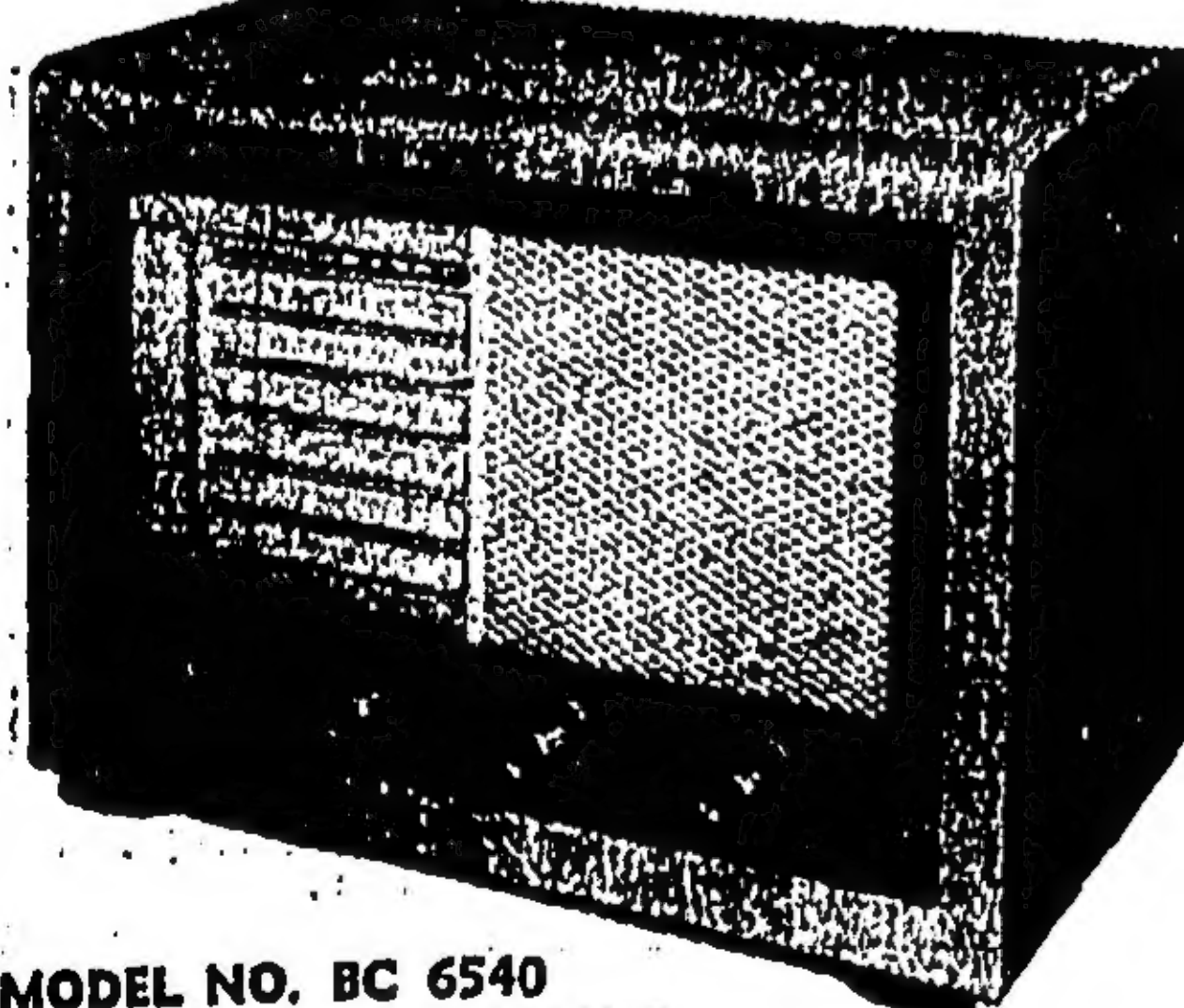
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"There are moments, little mother, when I wish to Lenin you'd never seen Dr. Summerskill!"

A ROY hangs himself in his bedroom while "experimenting."

A 14-year-old schoolboy accused of coshing an elderly woman is said to have noted in his diary how easy it was to get money by "patting someone on the head."

Two teenagers threaten to burn down a garage unless they are paid as a "protection racket."

A girl of 15 is alleged to have carried a concealed dagger and to have yelled: "Come over here and I will beat your head in."

Another boy beats and stones to death a nine-year-old member of his "gang."

## Nathaniel Gubbins

INJECTIONS of hormones obtained from bulls which make old men young again is probably only the first glimpse into a future full of exciting possibilities.

In other words the claim that a man of 73 became as young as a man of 58, made by Professor Franchini of Milan at the meeting in London of the International Association of Gerontology, may be no more than the dawn of a brave new world in which women will have to be brave when they meet rejuvenated great-grandfathers.

When the treatment is more advanced, pensioners may have the appearance and physical vigour of a man of 30 and many a girl at a dance may be startled when her handsome young partner invites her to "sit the next one out in the conservatory" and bores her with descriptions of Lily Langtry and tales of three or four foreign campaigns including a first-hand account of the Zulu War.

Six of them were coming straight at me.

Six what?

Six Zulus.

Zulus?

Big, fierce, black fellows with painted faces and spears.

What did they want?

What did they want? My blood, of course.

What for?

We were at war with them.

Why?

Don't know. A fella doesn't ask. Can I book the next dance, Miss Angela?

Eek?

Put my name down on your programme.

Programme?

Oh, I forgot. You don't have programmes now. But I remember when the Jersey Lily was a girl we had programmes.

May I ask you something?

What?

Have been a widower seven times.

Seven times?

Yes. And a fella gets a bit lonely. I have always admired you, Miss Angela. You are always in my thoughts and dreams, and here is the offer of my hand and heart to love and cherish you always. If you could take pity on a fella, Miss Angela.

How old are you, Mr Father-twiggy?

Only 100, Miss Angela.

Good night, Mr Father-twiggy.

Oh, cruel, cruel Miss Angela.

May not I dare to hope?

Good night, Mr Father-twiggy.

Even more startling for unsuspecting girls will be the period after the first injection and before the treatment has changed the appearance of the patient.

For instance, girls who give plying smiles to ancient chaps staggering along on two sticks may be astonished to get a knowing wink in return, and those who spend their holidays at a place like Bournemouth may be outraged at the wolf whistles calling them from a row of invalid chairs by the bandstand.

### Cricket Guide

BEING a further instalment of the Unintelligent Woman's Guide to Cricket.

Question: As you know so much about this game, perhaps you will explain the positions of the fielders and what they are supposed to be doing?

Answer: Yes dear.

Q: The man crouching behind the stumps is the wicketkeeper, I suppose?

A: Yes, dear.

Q: What's he there for?

A: Well, dear, he's there for three reasons. The first is to stop the ball going to the

boundary if the batsman fails to strike the ball. He's also there to catch the batsman out behind the wicket if he strikes the ball, and to stump him if he's out of his crease.

Q: His what?

A: Crease, dear. It's the white line you can see in front of each wicket.

Q: What's it for?

A: To keep the batsman in his place, dear.

Q: Do you mean to keep a professional batsman in his place? What disgusting snobbery.

A: It's nothing to do with the social side of cricket, dear.

Q: A batsman has both feet and his bat outside the crease he can be stumped.

Q: Then why don't they stump that one who's walking about banging the ground with his bat and picking daisies?

A: Because the ball is dead until it's bowled, dear.

Q: And so is everybody else by the look of them. Who are those two near us gaping like a couple of yokels?

A: Square leg and long leg, dear. The one in front of square leg is forward short leg, and the one to the right of square leg is short leg.

Q: I'm glad that some of them have legs even if they are short. What's wrong with the other fielders' legs?

A: Please don't shout, dear.

Q: I'm not shouting. You talk about them as if they were

deaf.

A: Yes, dear.

## SEFTON DELMER REPORTS A BACK-STAGE MEETING

### 'Someone Must Fight Nazis'

Berlin.

NOT until he had crossed into Communist East Berlin and met leaders of the Soviet German Government did West Germany's M.I.6 chief, Dr Otto John, really make up his mind to stay in the East zone.

Otto John, his face twitching with nervous fatigue and emotional strain, told me this himself in a semi-private talk over a glass of beer backstage at an East Berlin theatre where he had just finished a monster press conference.

I call it only semi-private, this meeting of ours, for with us, and listening closely, were some of John's new friends.

#### THE BODYGUARD

On one side of him was a Russian political officer named Tchirnov, on the other his East German impresario Dr Wilhelm Girmus, of the Soviet-sponsored "Committee for German Unity."

At a corner of the table sat an enormous bull of a man whose name I did not get, but who looked to me like a policeman or a bodyguard.

In addition there were two other newspaper men.

So that statement of his could have been a piece of guesswork, double-talk—just like the letter to his wife saying he had been "forced" to take the step he had, with the word "forced" underlined.

But after seeing him, listening to him talk—nervous and dry-mouthed from the Klieg-lighted stage and then sitting for an hour with him over that beer, I have changed my mind about John's presence in the East.

#### THE CRUSADE

However John may have been got to go to East Germany, I am sure he is there now of his own free will. [Not that it matters much if he leaves, for he cannot leave.]

He is there to lead his one-man crusade against the re-education and re-militarisation of Germany which he be-

lieves must inevitably lead to war.

Again and again as we sat together he said, almost to himself: "It is truly serious. Someone must do something about it. It is up to me."

I must say that his speech was the hardest hitting exposure of what is happening in Germany today that I have yet heard.

I asked him: "Why did you not put a memorandum to Adenauer protesting against what is happening in Germany, and then threaten to resign with a public statement if nothing was done to meet your protest?"

"Surely that would have been better than coming over here?" John looked at me, his blue eyes red-rimmed with sleepless worry.

He smiled a rather ghastly smile, a shadow of the cheerful man I used to know.

#### ONLY DERISION

"My resignation," he said, "would have been accepted with a shrug."

"The German Press would have passed it over in derision. In no time it would have been forgotten."

I said: "Well, why not launch your campaign from Britain, or from France, or from somewhere else outside?"

He replied: "Because five years of life in Britain as an exile had taught me that only by speaking from German soil can you make an impact on German minds."

I did not repeat to him at this private meeting of ours the shaft I had shot at him during the public one, when he offered to answer questions.

I stood up in the body of the hall and said to John: "Have you considered that by launching your campaign against the Nazis in West Germany from the East you are, in fact, playing right into their hands?"

Poor Otto John. Obviously he had considered it, but too well. He looked away from me, afraid to face my eyes.

And then he said: "I am convinced that this battle must be fought in Germany, even if it means an alliance with the East."

The answer was not to the taste of the master of ceremonies, Dr Girmus.

He quickly intervened: "Mr Sefton Delmer," he said reprovingly, "you may tell the British people that we know only of Germans, not of East Germans and West Germans."

Every time this tricky subject of John's presence in the East and the possible damage that might be done by it to his cause in the West came up, John, despite all his appearance of self-assurance, became a little bit uncertain.

#### HE ATTACKS

At least to me it seemed that way.

His speech was a slashing attack on Chancellor Adenauer as being himself responsible for the advent into positions of power in West Germany of men of the Nazi type and with the old Nazi spirit.

His first crack at the Chancellor concerned the old man's reference to John's alleged revocation of a secret agreement, attached to the E.D.C. treaty.

"I never said a word about any secret riders to the E.D.C. treaty, but I can well imagine what caused Herr Adenauer to deny any such secret agreement."

#### A CHALLENGE

Later on in his speech he said that what had caused the old man to make this denial of a point that had never been raised was that Adenauer himself was only too well aware of the existence of such a secret agreement.

"I challenge Dr Adenauer here, with all the Federal Parliament concerning the secret collaboration and thereby becoming guilty of involving myself in a terrible plot towards the German people."

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To me, John said, at our private meeting, in industry, it was a neutral, unloved Germany with a withdrawal of both Western allies and the Soviet Union, the whole country, which would remain un-

dermined. "Anyone who knows me or has any idea of what I

standing of me, knows that I am no Communist."

"The stories now being told about me having worked for years with the East are inventions and completely absurd."

I consider it beneath my dignity to go into them.

#### NAZIS NAMED

"I am here because the worry concerning the fate of the German people moved me to be here, and because nowhere else in the West, certainly not in the Federal Republic, could I have found a platform like this at my disposal."

"For anything like that, the restoration of the forces which once brought National Socialism to power has already proceeded too far."

He named Nazi Ministers sitting in Dr Adenauer's Cabinet.

"For instance, in the Federal Government there is a Minister named Oberlander, who in Poland carried out the 'Germanising' policy of Hitler; those measures which have caused even decent Germans to be looked upon by the rest of the world as barbarians."

"Needless to say, Herr Oberlander has thrown out all the genuine democrats among the officials of his Ministry, and replaced them by former Nazis."

"Everywhere," he went on, "in the administration, in industry, in the universities, wherever you may look, the Nazis are there again, and with them the spirit which led the German people to the total catastrophe of 1945."

#### NOT GUILTY

"Because I know all this very well, I could, no longer, remain in Western Germany, without collaborating and thereby becoming guilty of involving myself in a terrible plot towards the German people."

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CRIME "COMICS" WERE BANNED BY THE U.S. NAVY, BUT THEY CIRCULATE FREELY AMONG IMPRESSIONABLE TEENAGERS

# THE FILTH THAT POISONS YOUR CHILDREN

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

A gang of boys hold a 12-year-old over a fire until he is severely burned.

These things happened in Britain. Why did such children and adolescents behave like this?

Where did they get their ideas from? How did they come to know so much of the savagery and technique of the gangster underworld? What poison, seducing their childhood, made them so tough, so callous, so cruel, so contemptuous of the law?

I want to suggest an answer—that at least part of the responsibility lies at the door of what is called, not always justifiably, the "American comics."

#### SADISM

IN a few tragic cases the link with the "comic" can be directly traced.

In others a great deal of circumstantial evidence points in the same direction.

In America itself the dossiers of juvenile crime are stained with horrific cases which are direct imitations of sadism and bestiality culled from crime "comics."

These "comics" in the American style are now to be freely bought anywhere.

They represent a vile attack on childhood and impressionable youth.

How many average parents know what children can read, openly or secretly, under the guise of "comics."

Wherever these particular "comics" of the American pattern are on sale, parents would be shaken and horrified if they scanned them.

How many parents realise that their children, like

American children, can buy and exchange "comics" of a type which was banned from ships' stores in the U.S. Pacific Fleet two years ago as too gory for the American sailor?

There are some things you cannot tell to the Marines but can still unleash at the minds of children!

Too many parents blindly assume that all modern "comics" are like the ones published by reputable firms, with healthy and harmless strips dealing with cowboys, supermen, space-travellers, Disney characters, etc.

Fortunately there are still plenty of these, and they still form the bulk of "comics" sold—though it is doubtful whether you can say that for America. But a growing percentage of bad "comics," with a readership already running into millions, contains material which no taste for tolerance and broadmindedness about "blood and thunder" can stomach.

#### NIGHTMARE

I DO not propose to argue this contention. I propose only to quote, and ask the reader to bear in mind the cases mentioned at the beginning of this article.

I quote first from a "horror comic" which was "made in the Republic of Ireland," published by a firm in Britain, and uses American material. It contains a nightmare strip story giving precise details about how to hang oneself.

"Now I will stand on my bed and throw the other end

of the rope over the chandelier and tie it....

"Then I will jump off... and hang myself."

These instructions for a suicide are the highlight of a strip designed to excite superstitious fear and to play on neurosis.

Illustrations of how to commit crimes are legion in the "comics." Two youths demonstrate how to snatch a middle-aged woman's handbag. One stops her to ask for directions, very politely. The other grabs her handbag and makes off. The first says, "I'll get him for you, lady," and rushes after his accomplice.

#### RUTHLESSNESS

WHEN one of the boys is captured by the police later and sent to gaol his only comment is: "Maybe I'll learn something that'll get me into big time."

There follows a multi-picture build-up of the terrorist organisation of a protection racket in which "our hero" distinguishes himself for his exceptional ruthlessness.

No trace of remorse or compassion ever finds its way into these pages. Two kinds of fear are well displayed, however. One is the hapless terror of the innocent victim before he or she is robbed, knifed or shot. The other is the permissive fear by one crook or gangster, not of the police, but of a more powerful crook or gangster.

This craven spirit never afflicts the "heroes." One gangster says admiringly: "You're a cool one, Johnny. You treat the guys you murder like a butcher handles meat on a shelf."

The elementary lessons of gangsterdom are stressed over and over again. Instead of the battles of "good" against "bad" in tried, trusty and reputable publications, these so-called "American comics" and their imitations teach the importance of cold-blooded killing and the calculated double-cross.

#### BRUTALITY

AN advertisement in an American comic offering the "know-how" of "police work" asks: "Want the thrill of imposing your will over someone?" and shows a youth grinning at a golden-haired blonde in a filmy, low-necked dress.

But all records for vicious brutality and criminal cunning are broken by the "comic" strip (how comic!) concerning Lucy, an innocent-looking little girl with long blonde hair and a pretty face, who is first seen being dragged, "attacked by her drunken father."

Mother is seen picking up with another man.

Little Lucy is forbidden to go to kind Auntie Kate by her wicked father.

Mother and her boy friend decide to run away together, apparently leaving Lucy in the lurch. Father meets the guilty pair just as they are leaving the house, watched by Lucy from a bedroom window. There is a shot. The drunken father is killed. For this murder mother and boy friend are electrocuted—one close-up picture in the chair each.

"In our State," explains Lucy, "murders are done in the electric chair. Mommy went first... then Steve..."

#### PAY-OFF

NOW comes a particularly revolting pay-off. Little Lucy gets her "happy ending" and goes to live with kind Auntie Kate, which is just the way it hoped it would work out," says Little Lucy, "when I SHOT DADDY from the FRONT BEDROOM WINDOW" and went downstairs and put the gun in Mommy's hand and started the crying act.

The final cartoon is of the little golden-haired murderer, lurking with a cunning wink at the reader.

This type of diabolical trickery for itself, and the vast majority of parents who know about these things, and who know that these things are being sold to children, should be shocked and outraged.



## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Tourney Is Place To Find Challenge

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE recent tournament in New York City reminds me of a hand that I played in a New York tournament just about a year ago. The hand presents a neat problem in the proper play of the trump suit. I liked the South hand well enough to make a claim for even though my partner's first response had been only two no-trump. Wingate, Bixby, my partner, properly decided that he held far more than I could reasonably expect. He therefore accepted the slam invitation.

West opened the king of clubs, and I won with the singleton ace. What was the correct play of this trump combination? Should I take the ace of trump and lead another trump to the dummy?

Should I begin by leading a low trump towards dummy's queen? Should I get to dummy with a diamond and lead a trump towards my hand? If so, which trump?

The "right" play depends on how the missing four trumps are divided. The problem is to find a line of play that works against most of the combinations.

My solution, which I suggest as the standard way of playing this kind of combination, was to lead the eight of

hearts from my hand towards the dummy. When West played low, I played dummy's low trump!

East won with the jack of hearts, of course, and returned a club. I ruffed, entered dummy by cashing the ace of diamonds and overruling the queen with dummy's king, cashed the jack of diamonds to discard my losing spade, and then led dummy's queen of hearts.

East played low without a quiver, but I was not pleased. The finesse held and therefore my slam contract was assured.

The reason for this line of play is that West can hardly afford to play a low trump at the first trick if he has only K-x. When East wins the first trick with the jack and then follows suit with a low trump, it is safe to assume that East also has the king of trumps.

This plan of play succeeds if West has any singleton or doubleton and also if West has any tripleton except K-x-x. Other plans depend on good guesswork as well as on good play. In adopting my recommended line of play, however, South should lead the lowest possible card for the finesse (the eight rather than the ten). This tends to conceal from West that South may have a finesse in mind. If West suspected a finesse, he might play low with K-x.

## ♥ CARD SENSE ♥

The bidding has been:  
West North East South  
1 Dm. Double Pass 1 Heart  
Pass 1 Spade Pass 7-4  
Hearts J-9-8-3, Diamonds K-3-5, Clubs Q-9-4-2, What do you do?

A-Bid one no-trump. This bid shows at least one stopper in the enemy's suit, with a count of about 7 to 10 points. This is about the weakest hand that is worth this rebid.

TODAY'S QUESTION  
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 7-9, Hearts K-J-6-3, Diamonds K-3-5, Clubs Q-9-4-2. What do you do?

Answer, Tomorrow.

## DUMB-BELLS

WELL, WELL, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL BABY! ONLY FOUR WEEKS OLD, BUT YOU'VE GOT THE MOST PERFECT I SUPPOSE!



"I made your favourite dessert, and it was so delicious I ate it all up."

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

BORN today, you have a high degree of adaptability, you are original, inventive and thoroughly individual. You care little how things have been done in the past or how someone else would do a job. You figure out how you would do it—and that is the way it is going to be done! A sceptic at heart, you question everything and until you can get to the bottom of a matter, you believe nothing! You must have proof before you act. This is a fine characteristic if it does not become an obsession that merely gives you an excuse to procrastinate and "wait a little longer" before making up your mind. Often to delay too long is to lose a golden opportunity that may never come your way again.

You are impatient with details and like to see things worked out on a large scale, leaving the minutiae to others. If these you employ can be trusted implicitly to be accurate in detail work, then you can be left free to plan. If not, you may need to learn to take care of details yourself.

Although basically of an emotional nature, you have learned not to show your feelings, except under rare provocation. Consequently, even your best friends may not know you completely. A marriage, rather later in life than is usual, will probably be best, although you will not know complete contentment and happiness until you wed and have a home and family of your own.

Among those born on this date are: Bret Harle and Waldo Frank, authors; Alan Pinkerton, noted detective; Indore Schneider, poet; George Fawcett, actor, and Ruby Keeler, actress.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star of the zodiac, and read the paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

or carelessness does not creep into your work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—You would be wise to make haste slowly just now. Look around carefully before you proceed. Don't rush anything.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Aspects are mixed, but you can get where you want to go if, first, you stop, look and listen! Take warning.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Try not to be disappointed. Yet, you have a right to be a little sceptical if things look too "perfectly perfect!"

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—There may be certain minor limitations on your activities just now but patience will overcome obstacles.

GENIUS (May 22-June 21)—Be sure not to show any bias. Never play favourites when it comes to besting favours—especially now!

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—I think before you act and don't let impulse guide your decisions. All should go well with you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)—Be sure to say what you mean, even if it is difficult. Hiding your true feelings will only cause added trouble.

## WOMANSENSE

TIPS ON HOUSE CLEANING

## HOW TO HANDLE DELICATE IVORY

By ELEANOR ROSS

LIVING in a new location, one housewife finds that lime deposits settle in tea kettles and other utensils. She wants to know why and what to do about this.

The reason for this is that the locality may have water that frees itself from hardness when boiled, resulting in a lime deposit in utensils habitually used for boiling water. A good, if old-fashioned, method is to heat vinegar in the utensils, and to do this often rather than let too heavy a deposit form. Utensils should always be wiped dry when not in use, to prevent the lime deposit from forming too quickly.

Removing Stains  
We learn now things every day about the "miracle" fabric, and one of the handiest things to know concerns stain removal. Latest research on the subject reports that grease and oil stains respond most satisfactorily to the "cold treatment."

Just rub a dense soap solution on the spots, then rinse in cold running water until the water runs clear. Then wash as usual in warm soapsuds.

Ivory ornaments are in style again. If the object is in one piece, caring for it is easy. Just clean it with soap and water.

However, if the ornament or object consists of several sections glued together, dip a piece of cut lemon in salt and rub the surface with it, letting the juice dry on the ivory before wiping off with a damp cloth.

If cleaning intricately carved figurines, try using a discarded toothbrush or watercolour brush dipped in soapsuds for the crevices.

Care of Lamp Shades  
If a lamp shade is guaranteed washable, don't hesitate to dunk it. Just dunk it repeatedly in lukewarm suds, rinse carefully several times in clear water, and place it for drying where there is good air circulation.

If the shade is glued or pleated, careful use of dry soapsuds will do a good job, but be sure to rinse well with a cloth thoroughly wrung out of clear water. In any event, always vacuum before washing to get rid of all dust.

Easiest way to handle a pleated shade is to whisk it up and down with a man's old shaving brush. Does a wonderful job!

Utilising Old Hosiery  
What to do with a couple of still serviceable but rather shabby hosiery is another question.

One good way is to cover the hassock with a cotton shag rug. The job can be done in half an hour or so by using a small round rug to fit the top and wrapping a straight strip around the base.

Three seems need sturdy thread, but the sewing doesn't have to be fancy, as the pile will hide the stitches. The result makes a nice touch of

BEACHCOMBER is away ON HOLIDAY

His popular feature, "By The Way," will be resumed as soon as possible.

## Miss Brunner Goes Back To Horace

APRIL BRUNNER still a lover of Latin.

London.

SOMEONE at the dinner table was quoting Horace. As the Latin phrases filled the room a girl's voice translated. Suddenly the roomful of gay people were very quiet.

That was the only glimpse of the underlying "blue-stocking" that 18-year-old April Brunner has given during the first-month whirl which is the "coming out" routine of the debutante.

But now that the season is over, which will win—Horace or the gale?

"Oh, Horace," Miss Brunner says, "and French, and English and music. I'm going back to my tutors. I want to read modern languages at Oxford and then take music."

The season has been wonderful and I shall always remember it, but now I've work to do."

HER SUCCESS  
This helmsman with the Dresden Shepherdess look does not give the impression that her parents, Wing Commander and Mrs. Patrick Brunner, had planned a season for their daughter "to stop her being a complete blue-stocking."

She has shown no trace of yearning for Horace. She has even been the success of the season.

"She's the Deb of the Year because she's not the least debby," said the three young men most likely to know.

The quorum consisted of 26-year-old Charles MacArthur Hardy, most popular escort of 1953; 22-year-old Richard Tatnam, favourite for 1953; and 21-year-old Richard Berens (1954).

Why do they choose Miss Brunner?

"I think she means it."

— Anne Sharpley

## LUXURY COTTONS



By ALICE ALDEN

NEW and beautiful finishes make fine cotton more versatile and more charming each season. Swiss cotton with a highly polished, lustrous satin-like finish is used for a delightful dress that should have a busy, varied summer. The wide neckline is nicely squared off by softly shirred shoulder straps and the very attractive bodice is gathered softly over the bustline and defined by a moulded midriff. The skirt is softly flared and has an inverted pleat. Beautiful in beige with a black and white design.

Household Hint  
Windows of different sizes and shapes in a house are unduly emphasised when painted in colours that contrast with the rest of the house. Better to paint them the same colour as the side walls to make them less noticeable.

This rule may be applied to doors, trim and window frames inside the house, too. If the house is small, and the windows and door rather irregular, a uniform colour will usually give the happiest results.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Three Good Riddles

— Teddy Asked the First One Which Was Easy —

By MAX TRELL

"I've got a riddle," said Teddy, the Stuffed Bear.

Teddy looked around at everyone in the Playroom. Knarf and Handi, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were sitting in the corner.

Mr Punch, the Puppet, and his wife, Judy, were sitting on the steps of their Little Theatre. Miss China Doll was sitting on the porch of her Doll House. Mary-Jane, the Rag Doll, was sitting on the floor. In addition to all these friends, there were also Whoo, the Hobby Horse, General Tin, the Tin Soldier, Mr Canary, Mrs Cuckoo and Hiawatha, who was a small wooden Indian.

Like A Poem  
Finally, someone said—I think it was Mr Canary—"What's this riddle you have, Teddy?"

"I don't know if it's a very good riddle," said Teddy, looking half-embarrassed and half-pleased at the same time.

"My boy," said Mr. Punch, "you'd better step out in the middle of the room so that everybody can see you."

Teddy did as Mr Punch suggested. He stepped out in the middle of the room. Then he smiled and told this riddle. It was in the form of a poem:

"I float in the sky  
Up, up very high.

And folks dance below  
When they see me say, 'Oh  
It's going to rain!'  
So I float off again."

"That's the end of the riddle," said Teddy. "Can anybody guess it?"

Everybody Answers  
To Teddy's surprise, everybody shouted: "It's a cloud!"

Teddy said that was the right answer.

"Well," said Mr Punch, "now that Teddy has started telling us a riddle, I think we ought to have some more riddles."

"Have you got a riddle, Mr Punch?" several voices in the Playroom asked.

Mr Punch nodded. "It isn't a poem like Teddy's," he said. "In fact, it's nothing. But here, let me tell it to you."

This was Mr Punch's riddle: "What is something that is nothing?"

To Mr Punch's surprise, no one in the room could answer this riddle.

Mr Punch repeated it. "What is something that is nothing? Or," he added, "What is nothing that is something?"

Everyone in the Playroom became more and more puzzled.

It was General Tin, the Tin Soldier, who finally, after shutting his eyes and standing very still, with his finger on the side of his nose, guessed the right



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answer. "It's the hole in the doughnut," he said. "That's something that's nothing. And it's also nothing that's something."

General Tin was now asked if he had a riddle. "Yes, I have," he said. "It's quite an old one. I'm quite sure I wasn't the first one to think of it."

This was General Tin's riddle: "What is small enough to wet a butterfly's wings, plentiful enough to fall from the sky like rain, big enough to hold up a mighty ocean steamer, and without which not even the tiniest blade of grass will grow?"

To General Tin's surprise, every one knew the answer at once. They all shouted: "Water."

Everyone agreed that guessing riddles was lots of fun. They all agreed, too, that Mr Punch's was the best.

"Oh, it was nothing... nothing at all," said Mr Punch.

## Rupert and the Spring Chicken—34



Before long the Spring Chicken drops from his cowardly looking very surprised to see Rupert in such important company. After half a dozen bounces it comes to rest. "I desire you to go to Nutwood," says the king. Another royal personage may also see you and see you.

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## European Athletic Championships Start Today

## SOVIET RUSSIA EXPECTED TO CARRY OFF MOST OF THE HONOURS AT BERNE

Berne, Aug. 24.

Soviet Russia are fully expected to carry off most of the honours in both the men's and women's events in the European Athletic Championships which begin in the Neufeld Stadium here tomorrow.

Represented by over 100 competitors—the largest contingent in the Championships—the Russians, who have made great progress since finishing as top European nation in the 1952 Helsinki Olympic Games, are favourites to head the unofficial points scoring table.

A record number of nearly 1,700 competitors—616 men and 270 women—representing 28 nations, will be competing for individual honours in the Championships which end on Sunday. Britain will be represented by a team of 40, which is not expected to do as well as in the 1950 Championships when they won six gold medals—twice as many as any other nation.

The recent Empire Games in Vancouver took a toll of three of Britain's best prospects. The marathon put out of action their

two top runners, Jim Peters, former favourite for the European event, and Stan Cox, while Ken Wilshurst, hop, step and jump winner in Vancouver, is prevented by mumps from taking part.

Britain has three potential gold medal winners in Dr Roger Bannister, the four-minute mile runner, Chris Chataway, joint holder of the world's Three Miles record, and Derek Johnson, Empire 880 Yards winner. They are also given a good

chance to win the men's four by 400 Metres Relay event.

## BIGGEST THRILLS

The 5,000 Metres is generally regarded as being the race to produce the best running and the greatest thrills. Here in opposition are Olympic Champion Emil Zatopek of Czechoslovakia, Chataway and Green of Britain, who share the world's Three Miles record, Kuts of Russia, Mironov of France and Kovacs of Hungary. Recent weather conditions are not conducive to record breaking performances at Berne. It has rained every day for a week.

The Championships get under way tomorrow afternoon when three thirds of the Marathon, the 10,000 Metres and the Women's Javelin Throw are to be held after the opening ceremony.

Favourite for the Marathon is the Finn, Vilekko Karvonen, winner of the Boston Marathon. His most dangerous opponents are probably his own countryman, Puolokki, Jansson of Sweden and the Russians.

Running of the 10,000 Metres on the same day as the Marathon means that Zatopek, who won both events in Helsinki, is confined to only one event. He has preferred the 10,000 Metres for which he is a firm favourite.—Reuter.

## HUNGARY'S CHANCES

Hungary will rank high in a number of events at the European Athletic Championships at Berne, which open today. This is the opinion of Jozsef Sir, trainer of the Hungarian national athletic team.

Said Mr Sir: "The unanimous opinion of foreign and Hungarian experts is that the 1954 European Athletic Championships promise to be on a bigger scale and of a higher standard than ever before. It is, therefore, extremely difficult to speculate on the results.

"One thing is certain: our men and women athletes will do everything in the interest of successful performance to show that the fine results they achieved in 1954—including World, European and Hungarian records—are not accidental, but the result of planned preparation and training.

"In my opinion, we could be in the first six in the 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 Metres Relay events. In the 800 and 1,500 Metres, the field is wide open.

"In the 5,000 and 10,000 Metres, probably only one or two men are capable of winning. We will decide who wins between the best in the world, Zatopek, Kovacs, Kuts, Chataway and Green.

"We stand nearest to a European Championship in the Long Jump through Feldes, Honnony enters for the Pole Vault with a chance of reaching the final.

"Both our discus throwers—particularly Ferenc Kiles—are capable of outstanding results. "We can expect a wonderful struggle in Hammer Throwing between the world's three best throwers—Strandell, Casmark and Kryvosos. There might be a new world record from this competition. We can only expect to be placed in the Marathon if Dobronyi's health is completely recovered."

Of the women athletes, Mr Sir said: "In short distances we can expect most from Miss Neszmelyi, but in the 4 x 100 Metres relay we can also get into the final. We can expect good results from Aranka Kazi in the 800 Metres, and from Olga Gyarmati in the Long Jump and the 80 Metres Hurdles. Erzsebet Vigh can possibly gain a fourth or sixth place in throwing the Javelin."—(London Express Service).

## Bid To Introduce "Broken Time" Fails At IAAF Congress

Berne, Aug. 24.

A bid by the Scandinavian and Iron Curtain countries to introduce "broken time" (money for wages lost) into the International Amateur Athletic Federation was defeated during the afternoon session of the IAAF Congress today.

The matter was given considerable discussion during the five-hour session. The voting was 71-70 against the motion. A two-third majority would have been necessary to make such payments to athletes possible.

Among those supporting the proposal, which was put forward by Dr. Lindman, Sweden, on behalf of the Scandinavian countries, were Austria, Germany, the Saar and Switzerland in addition to the Iron Curtain nations.

Those opposing the motion included Australia, New Zealand, Britain, Japan, Holland, Turkey, Belgium, Italy, the United States, and India.

Mr. Torg Eriksen of Sweden, who spoke in support of the motion, said it was a most important matter for which they had fought for many years.

They did not want to break principles or weaken the laws of amateurism, but rather wanted to run sport in a fair and democratic way.

It was all wrong that those better-placed financially should have a better chance of competing. There was broken time in some sports but not in athletics.

Lord Burghley, presiding, said the IAAF had always set its face against broken time. If they opened the gates they could not tell how it would end.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Two further items created considerable discussion—the curtailment of competitors in Olympic individual and field events, and the elimination of victory ceremonies from the European Games which begin here tomorrow.

Lord Burghley suggested that in future only one athlete should automatically represent each nation in the Olympic Games after those in Melbourne in 1956, with two other being allowed to compete if their performances warranted it.

The Congress eventually agreed to a suggestion made by Mr. Harold Abraham (Britain) that each country should look carefully into this extremely important question and adopt the principle of cutting down their views to the IAAF Council before January 1, 1956, for discussion at the Melbourne Congress. Iron curtain countries opposed the proposal.

There was unanimous disappointment over the European Commission's decision to eliminate victory ceremonies from the European championships.

The Russian delegates led the discontent and said they deplored the abandonment of a fine old tradition which every athlete desired.

Other outstanding decisions taken were:

To abolish the 10 Kilometres Track Walk from the Olympic Games and substitute one of 20 Kilometres on a closed circuit.

To adopt the recommendations of the Rules and Regulations Committee, which included the recognition of the 3,000 Metres Steeplechase as a standard event on which world records could be established.

The standardising of field events implements, and the adoption of a new points scoring system for the Women's Pentathlon.

Lord Burghley was re-elected President.—Reuter.



## The Pakistanis Were Deliriously Happy — They Won!!

By ARCHIE QUICK

If they were not such good sportsmen, three Surrey bowlers, Alec Bedser, Jim Laker and Tony Lock, helping their County nearer to the retention of the Championship against Gloucestershire at Cheltenham, would have laughed silently at the spectacle of England being defeated by Pakistan at their own Kennington Oval.

It is true that the selectors experimented against the youngest of the Test countries, but it is nevertheless a fact that neither Lock nor Laker is going to Australia. One of the first-class umpires said to me afterwards "It is a tragedy for England that Laker is not going to Australia, and Brian Close too. I wager that replacements will have to be sent out before the end of the Tour."

With 12 wickets at cheap cost Fazal Mahmood, out only once, the match for Pakistan but bowled himself into world class. Before he left the ground he received a four-figure-a-year offer from a Lancashire League Club, but, deliriously happy, he said his job was Superintendent of Police and he intended to remain in that job and in his country.

## HAPPIEST OF ALL

Although he showed ample restraint in his hour of triumph, perhaps the happiest man of them all was captain Hafiz Kardar. This Oxford Blue, since he stopped playing for Warwickshire, has campaigned continuously for more cricket in Pakistan, and the Oval success as much due to his shrewd captaincy as anything else, means that the game will develop there into a national sport.

English coaches will be asked to go there and the first of them will be Tom Dollery, Warwickshire's professional captain. Another man behind the scenes who shared in the victory sat in the BBC box and watched it.

Alf Gover, former Surrey fast bowler, has coached the

Pakistanis in his indoor school at Wandsworth for two years, and afterwards he said "All things being level, England would beat Pakistan nine times out of ten and this result should make no difference in Australia."

"In fact it should help to shake us out of our complacency. But the Pakistanis have done a fine job of work and deserve this heartening success after such a dismal record in the past. They are such a grand lot of fellows too."

England missed Bedser and Laker, and Bailey's steadiness would have been a godsend, but who instructed the free-hitting Johnny Wardle to sit on the spine to the extent of only nine runs in an hour and a half?

A four or two from him to the discomfiture of the Pakistan bowlers and fieldsmen and England would have won.

The ironic thing was that after all England's careful prodding the match was eventually won and lost by a scoreless run-out.

It was lost also by a lot of indifferent batting and England's new bowlers' inability to run home an advantage when they were faced by Pakistan's tall-end batsmen.

Fazal Mahmood by the way, also took 12 wickets at Lucknow when Pakistan beat India. He obtained twice the number of Test wickets than any of his colleagues, the same as Wardle did, and it is also interesting to note that while Hafiz Mahmood's 22 was the high-

## Russians Want To Stage Olympic Games

Berne, Switzerland, Aug. 24.

Russia's top sports leader today urged intensification of sports relations between East and West and announced that the Soviet Union was hoping to play host to the Olympic Games in the "not too distant future."

Constantin Adrianov, a leading member of the International Olympic Committee and head of the Soviet Union Olympic Committee, said in an exclusive interview that sports relations between the Communists and the West had "greatly improved" in the past years.

The improvement was achieved in spite of the contrary wishes of the ruling circles in the United States," Adrianov added.

The bulky but soft-spoken Red sports leader said Russian sports were "still on the way up."

"One should not make forecasts in sports," he said. "But I hope we will win the 1960 Olympic Games in Melbourne."—United Press.

## European Athletic Championships Prospects

By "RECORDER"

The Soviet Union will have the most powerful team at the European Athletic Championships which start at Berne today, but the main power of this team lies in the strength of the feminine contingent who are expected to make a clean sweep of the throwing events and take two or three other individual titles as well as the relay title.

On the men's side of the competition, however, honours should be fairly evenly divided and the Hungarians may do better than the Russians. But the European Championships Committee have quite rightly insisted that the Championships are individual and are not intended for deciding which is the Champion athletic nation.

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Peter Kraus of Germany, and van Hareveldt of Holland and Angel Kolov of Bulgaria have the best competitive record of several other European sprinters who have clocked 10.5 seconds this year. Britain has no outstanding performer in this event.

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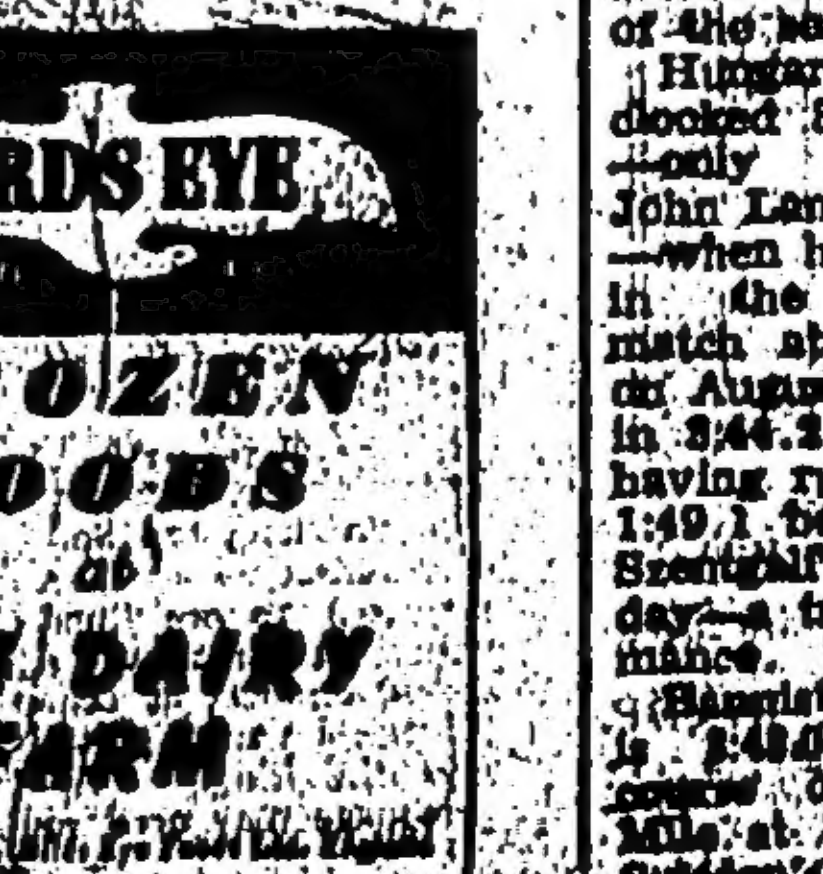
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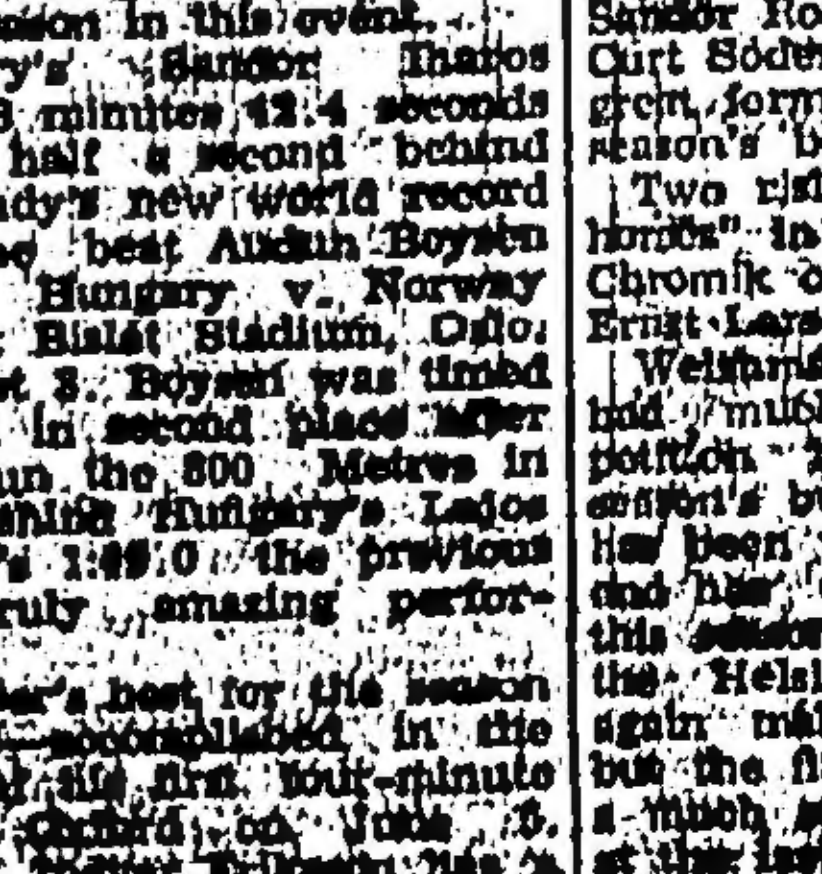
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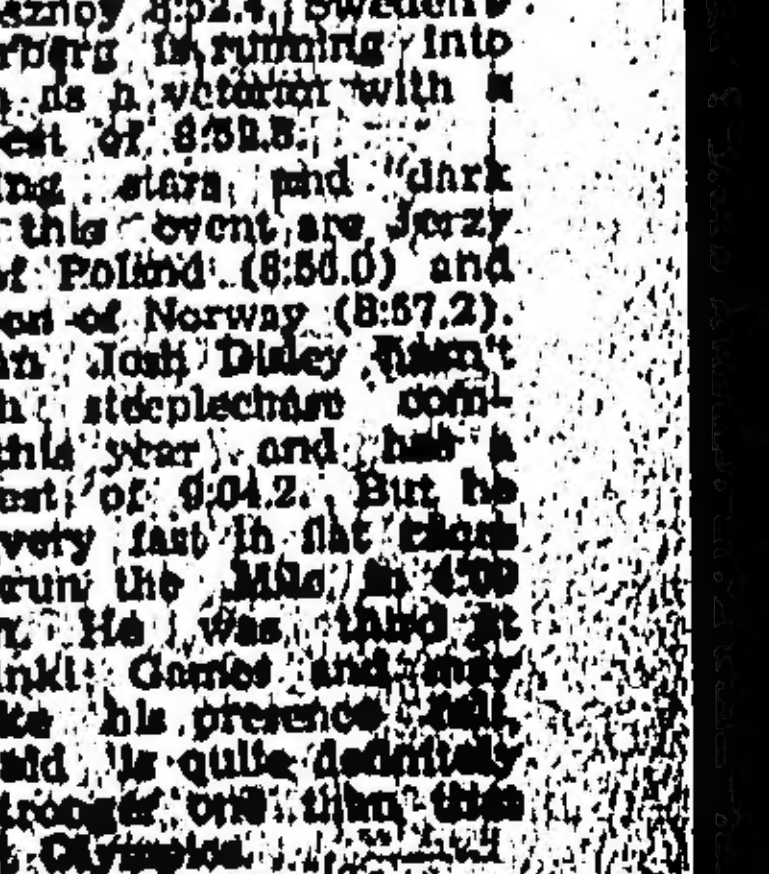
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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### Visit To An Old Friend

ALICE's home was in one of those Lancashire towns where slag-heaps and tall chimney-stacks throw their shadows over row upon row of soot-stained, stunted, overcrowded houses.

London, to Alice in her late teens, was a city of magic, remote as Samarkand to ancient travellers, mysterious, exciting. She glimpsed its splendours and promise on the television screen, at the movies, in newspaper photographs, and from those glimpses built up a picture of this old workaday city that was halfway between old Vienna and Sunset Boulevard.

She dreamed of coming to London and joining in the gaiety, and there came a day when dreams would no longer do.

#### NOTHING KNOWN

ALICE quit her home, thumbing her way to London, and promptly got into the worst sort of company in the West End.

She was nearly 30 years old, dark-haired, no great beauty, but attractive in a delicate way.

In Piccadilly, late one night, Alice was arrested, and next morning at Bow Street, she pleaded guilty to the charge against her of annoying men.

"Anything known?" the magistrate asked.

He was told there was nothing known against Alice, and asked her: "Would you like to talk to the probation officer?"

#### A JOB

THE answer to that question is nearly always a loss of a pretty head, and a scornful negativeness. Alice, however, nodded. "Yes, please," she said.

The outcome of her interview was that she was put on probation and helped to find a job. And though the job was ordinary enough—clerk in an hotel—Alice did it well and was happy.

#### I NEVER

ALTHOUGH she had cut away from her old sort of life, she had friends who were at it still, and one evening after her work, Alice went to the West End to look up a girl she had known.

The police knew Alice's friend as well. Indeed, there was one officer on duty that evening who also recognised Alice. When she left her friend he went up to her. "I'm arresting you," he said, "causing annoyance, come on."

"But I never..." Alice began. Next morning at Bow Street she pleaded not guilty to the charge.

"Your honour," she said to Mr. Frank Milton, the magistrate, when the policeman had told of seeing her grabbing the arms of passing men.

#### UNWISE

"YOUR honour, all he can have seen me doing, is talking to my friend, that's all. I was making arrangements to meet her today, and when I was stopped I was on my way to the bus. My friend's here."

With a faint expression of maddening as if she were putting her head into the lion's mouth in the name of friendship, Alice's friend went into the witness-box and confirmed her story.

The magistrate nodded, and turned to Miss Hamilton, the probation officer. "This girl, Miss Hamilton said, with a nod towards Alice, 'did have a very hard time getting employment, but she did get a job, and she has stuck to it.'"

The magistrate turned to Alice again. "This case is dismissed," he said, "but I think it rather unwise of you to be about in those streets at that time of night, don't you, in view of the past?"

Alice nodded vigorously in agreement. "I should keep away from them, if I were you," Mr. Milton said, friendliness and encouragement in his voice.

Alice nodded again, and went away, turning the gauntlet of curious and scornful glances of the girls queuing up for their turn in the dock, who had not yet come to their senses, as Alice so quickly had done.

## DEATH OF AN ACTRESS

### Witness Denies He Received Money From Doctor

Wong Yuk-fong, one of the two men granted a Queen's Pardon in connection with the death of a young Chinese film actress allegedly by abortion, denied at the Criminal Sessions this morning that an unregistered doctor charged with murder paid him a percentage for bringing him patients.

Under cross-examination by the Defence, witness denied further that in spite of the Pardon given him, he had "distorted the truth to make sure you don't get involved in any event."

In the dock are Lo Ko, alias Law Hor, 44, and his 17-year-old daughter, Law Kin-lin. They are on trial before Mr. Justice R. G. Gregg, Puisne Judge, and a Jury of five men and two women, charged with murdering the actress, Ng Sui-ping, alias Ng Ngai-yeo on May 18, in the doctor's house at 70 Junction Road, Kowloon City.

Mr. Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr. Francis H. B. Wong of Messrs C. Y. Kwan and Co., is defending the two accused. Mr. D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Detective-Inspector F. Indge-Buckingham.

Starting his cross-examination this morning of Wong Yuk-fong, who gave evidence yesterday of the alleged abortion, Defence Counsel told witness: "In spite of the Free pardon which you have very fortunately been granted, you have distorted the truth to make sure you don't get involved in any event."

Wong replied that was not the truth. Questioned, he agreed he was a herbalist by profession, and practised as such. He belonged to a well-to-do family, and owned some property. He agreed with Mr. Yu that he had what might be described as "independent means."

He considered himself a fully qualified Chinese doctor. As a herbalist he was aware that Chinese herbalists could treat cases relating to pregnancy. In reply to a question, witness said the principle of herbalists was this: if a patient was truly suffering from suppressed

menstruation, only then was she given treatment. But if the patient was found to be in fact pregnant, then she was not treated.

Asked if he knew of any herbs that could produce an abortion, he said he did. He added that it happened sometimes that a patient did not disclose that she was pregnant, and a herbalist thus treated her as a true case of suppressed menstruation.

He agreed with Mr. Yu that he was familiar with the sight of instruments relating to Western medicine.

#### FRIENDLY VISIT

Questioned on his relationship with the first accused, witness agreed that he had said in his evidence-in-chief that three months after he first met the doctor early in 1952, he called at his (accused's) house. Asked the purpose of this visit, he said it was just a friendly visit.

It occurred to him to do so. No business was discussed, and only a few words were passed between the two of them, since they did not understand each other's dialect very well. Wong Yuk-fong agreed he had told the Court that the third occasion he met the doctor was in the street, and that was when the doctor told him he was a "black market doctor" and asked him to introduce patients to him.

Counsel: Are you aware that it is an offence to practise Western medicine without a licence? Witness: Yes, naturally.

#### I DON'T KNOW

You know that any person who advises patients to go to such a practitioner would be committing an offence also? — That I don't know.

Questioned as to how many times he met the doctor after that occasion, witness said he saw the first accused a number of times at his address at 70 Junction Road.

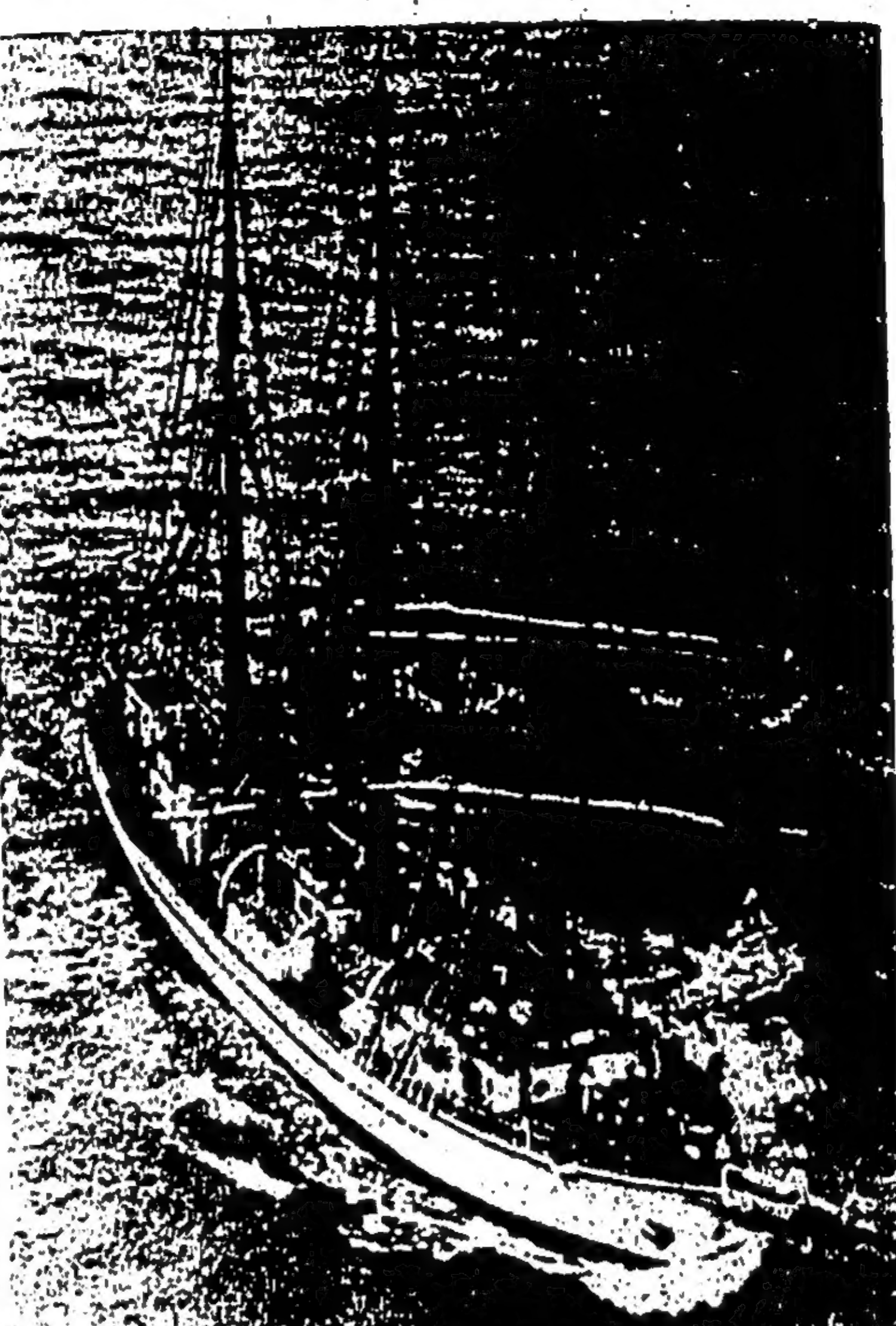
Counsel: I put it to you that between January 1952 and May 1954 you, on countless occasions, visited Dr. Lo, each time bringing him a patient.

Witness: No, that is not correct.

I put it to you that Dr. Lo paid you a percentage of his earnings for your introductions. — That is a mere allegation by the first accused and it is not true.

I put it to you that the percentage you received from him might well be one of your sources of your income. — No. Although I am unemployed, I have relatives in the United States remitting money to me. Hearing is proceeding.

## Russian Mystery Ship Sighted



The 300-ton Russian training ship "Alfa", reported by the Russians as "missing" with 40 cadets on board, heads slowly along the Devon coast towards Plymouth Sound where she anchored to take on provisions before resuming her voyage from the Baltic to the Black Sea. At first she was seen under full canvas, but later watchers saw sails furled and assumed she was proceeding under her auxiliary engine. The Russian Admiralty has now called off its frantic quest for a search for the "Alfa", caused by the four-day silence. — Express Photo.

## BRUSSELS BREAKDOWN

### Critical Problems Face The Italian Government

Rome, Aug. 24.

Italy, embarrassed by failure to ratify the European Army treaties, told the United States today that the breakdown of the Brussels conference had created critical problems for Premier Mario Scelba's middle of the road government.

One problem, although it may prove to be only a technical one, is the possible loss to Italy of all American aid at the end of the year. The United States Ambassador, Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, called on Premier Scelba this morning.

In an atmosphere approaching crisis, Signor Scelba went from that conference to one with President Luigi Einaudi and hurried back to his office to confer with the Foreign Minister, Alcide De Gasperi, who is just back from Brussels.

The Scelba government, not yet recovered from the shock of

the death five days ago of former Premier Alcide de Gasperi, was caught in a snare which made it an easy target for foes on both Left and Right.

The EDC treaties were originally scheduled for ratification by the Italian Parliament at the session opening in September. Passage was considered certain and would have qualified the country for contributing American aid.

#### WHAT OF ITALY?

But if France rejects the treaties, as most observers expect, what will Italy do? The Government, faced with Fascist, Monarchist and Communist opponents, could hardly ask the Chamber and Senate to ratify a treaty which already had been killed in France. That would still leave the law on the books, which would mean aid would be denied.

There was hope here among Government leaders that, should the French Parliament reject the treaties, Italy would be excused from ever taking the matter to a vote and new legislation would permit her to stay on the aid rolls. — United Press.

### HULL STRIKE CONTINUES

Hull, Aug. 24.

Dockers on strike here voted by a big majority at an open air meeting tonight to continue the strike which is crippling the port.

Seventy-three ships have now been held up and the full effects of the strike, which is not backed by the Union, are being felt. About 4,000 dockers are involved. — Reuter.

## Bailey Takes Out Summonses Against Three Men

Appearing before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning on behalf of Yee Shui-kee, who was answering a summons taken by Albert Francis Bailey, Mr A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr F. D. Hammond of Messrs Johnson Stokes and Masters, asked for a very distant date of hearing to be fixed for the case, in January, 1955.

Appearing on similar summonses were Mr P. C. Woo, on behalf of Mr Y. H. Chan, and Mr H. L. Kwan, on behalf of Mr P. H. Sin.

Bailey alleged in his summons against Mr Yee that on May 12, by a Judgment given in the Supreme Court in Appeal of No. 2, of 1953, he unlawfully and feloniously caused to be procured by the United Chinese Bank Ltd, a sum of \$12,080.00 by virtue of a forged document — a Bill of Lading which bore the name of an ocean freighter — "Arenskerk" and which was not authorised by the owners, which was an offence contrary to the Forgery Ordinance. The said sum of \$12,080.00 being then the lawful property of Albert Francis Bailey, wrongfully obtained by the United Chinese Bank Ltd, as a result of a Judgment in the Court of the first instance.

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#### DISTANT DATE SOUGHT

Asking Mr Lo to fix a distant date of hearing, Mr Clifford put forward that the complainant, Mr Bailey, is a defendant in another case, of criminal libel, brought against the Crown.

Mr Clifford said that Bailey first reported to the Police, making similar allegations as those in the present summons. As a result of investigations, the Police were satisfied that there was nothing in the report. Bailey then wrote a number of letters to the present defendants, in which he made the same allegations.

Those letters were handed to the Police, and as a result of that, Bailey is now facing charges of criminal libel.

Mr Clifford pointed out that before a case of criminal libel could be brought, the consent of the Attorney-General had to be obtained. Therefore, as the Attorney-General seemed fit to bring the charge against Bailey on similar allegations, Mr Clifford asked that the present summons be adjourned until the termination of the other proceedings.

#### TWO PROBLEMS

There were two problems involved, Mr Clifford said. The first was that although it was desirable that all persons, however misinformed their ideas, should have a right of being heard in Court.

The second was that prominent and responsible citizens should not be subjected to persecution by persons using the Courts abusively.

"If it turns out that Bailey is guilty of criminal libel, what he is seeking is to repeat that libel in Court again," Mr Clifford said. If that be Bailey's motive, Mr Clifford said, the Court would not wish to be used in that manner.

Mr Clifford then appealed to Mr Lo to wait for the findings in the case against Bailey, that of criminal libel.

Hearing continued.

### 3-D TV Shown In London

London, Aug. 24.

Three dimensional television was shown to the public for the first time here today at a preview of Britain's annual radio show.

It will be a long time before it is available for home entertainment. But it will be of value in atomic research which cannot be watched by the naked eye. Three dimension, with pictures in depth, opens up new fields.

A. official of R.Y.E. of Cambridge, the firm responsible, told Reuter: "It is known that experiments on similar lines have been going on in the United States. But I believe they have been secretive about them because of the value to atomic energy research." — Reuter.

## Tried To Talk To Saucer Pilot

Oslo, Aug. 25.

A flying saucer was seen by two sisters in the Mosjoen region (about 185 miles northeast of Trondheim), according to a local newspaper report received today.

The two sisters, aged 32 and 24, said that they conversed in sign language and by means of drawing on paper with the pilot of the flying saucer.

They added that he then got back into his machine and took off again. The sisters said that they saw the flying saucer land.

Though the two sisters were considered sensible characters, their story was discredited by the authorities here.

However, local police officers were sent to the spot where the saucer allegedly landed to search for traces of the marks which may have been left by the machine.

The sisters said that the pilot wore a flying suit without buttons and only flew away, in a vertical climb, after failing to make them understand by his drawings what he wished to communicate with them. — France-Press.

## Film Star Sued For Divorce

Hollywood, Aug. 24.

Film star Victor Mature was sued for divorce today by Mrs. Dorothy Mature on charges of extreme mental cruelty.

Mrs. Mature, 35, asked the Santa Monica Superior Court to award her half the couple's community property and "reasonable alimony". She estimated her monthly needs at about \$2,286.

The 41-year-old actor was ordered to appear in Court on September 3 to show cause why he should not pay alimony. They were married in 1948 in Yuma, Arizona, and separated on August 13 this year. Mrs. Mature has an 11-year-old son by a previous marriage and said Mature had agreed to provide support until the boy reached 21.

Mrs. Mature said her husband's earnings from movies and investments totalled about \$450,000 a year.

Reports of their separations and reconciliations have been frequent for the past few years. Mature at one time was reported engaged to actress Rita Hayworth but their romance did not reach the marriage stage. — United Press.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"They haven't given me a bit of trouble, Mrs. Nixon—they've been amusing themselves all evening and now they're in bed!"

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